THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) to (c) On account of resources constraints, the allocations to the Power Sector would be less than that projected by the Working Group on Power. As a consequence, the number of new projects on which a start would be made in the Seventh Plan would be less than what was envisaged by the Working Group on Power. Details in this regard would be available after the Seventh Plan is finalised and approved by the National Development Council.

Issue of Bonds for development of Railways

186. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised a proposal to issue bonds for raising funds for the development of Railways; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Demand of Commuters in Madras

187. SHRI V.GOPALSAMY:

DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some commuters disrupted the Madras Suburban train services on the 8th July, 1985;

(b) if so, what were the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action has been taken to meet their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Train timings were changed consequent upon introduction of 5 days a week in Central Government Offices and also the changes in the office hours of State Government offices. Employees of some private offices and banks where office timings did not match with the timings of revised schedules, protested against the revised timings of FS-II, EMU trains on 8-7-1985.

(c) Their main demand has already been met by re-scheduling FS-II with effect from 17-7-85. Their further demand of increase in frequency of MG suburban trains will have to wait as resources are not available for increasing the frequency.

Second Class ladies compartment in 311/314 passenger trains

188. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Member of Parliament has requested for the introduction of a second class ladies compartment between Nagercoil and Tirunelveli in 311/314 passenger trains; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes Sir,.